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Trains for Ranchi
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken cognizance of inordinary delay in movement of trains from Ranchi, Jharkhand to other parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Railways to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) There are 20 pairs (40 trains) Mail/Express trains that originate/terminate at Ranchi. Some of these trains, particularly those traversing through Mughalsarai-Allahabad-Ghaziabad sector, have not been able to maintain a satisfactory level of punctuality performance as this sector is facing severe capacity constraints due to saturated line capacity. Other than capacity constraints, the factors responsible for poor punctuality performance of some of these trains are beyond Railways' control, like public agitations and other law & order problems, natural calamities, electricity grid failures, bad weather, heavy road traffic at level crossing gates etc.

(b) Following works have been sanctioned for addressing the problem of capacity constraints on Mughalsarai-Allahabad-Ghaziabad sector of North Central Railway:

(i) Construction of longer loops at certain stations on Mughalsarai--Ghaziabad sector.

(ii) A double line Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) between Mughalsarai-Allahabad-Khurja.

While execution of the work of auto signaling on Mughalsarai-Allahabad sector is in progress, a third line between Mughalsarai-Allahabad is also proposed.

In addition to the above, Railways have initiated various measures aimed at sensitization of staff involved in train operations, controlling asset failures and their down-time, prioritization of preventive maintenance of assets etc. State Governments are being pursued for more effective resolution of law and order related problems.
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